



## Ashley Galovic #26

Sophomore • Defender

Plano, Texas

Plano East H.S. • Solar Soccer Club

Second-year outside back who played lead role in historic 2007 summer season for Solar club that made first-ever trip to regionals and then advanced to nationals ... quick and athletic player who could maximize her tremendous upside with improvements in her decision making and physical presence ... one of six Texas natives on Notre Dame's 2007 team and one of 21 Texas natives to play for Notre Dame women's soccer program.



## Rachel VanderGenugten #22

Sophomore • Defender

Schererville, Indiana

Lake Central H.S. • Carmel Cyclones

2007 National Club Champion

Northwest Indiana player who is coming off thrilling 2007 summer with Carmel Cyclones club team that advanced to four-team USYS nationals ... noted for athleticism, competitive spirit and good decision-making ... slowed in 2006 fall and 2007 spring by nagging foot injury and multiple surgeries ... outside back who will be hoping for healthy season as she makes full adjustment to college game ... one of 22 Indiana natives to have

**AS A FRESHMAN:** Appeared in seven games for 2006 NCAA runner-up, with season-high 56 minutes in opening win over Iowa State (9-0) ... also saw action in both games played in her home state of Texas (2-0 vs. TCU, 3-0 vs. SMU).

**CLUB HIGHLIGHTS:** Key part of historic 2007 for Solar '89s, which was founded as a division-2 team but grew into Region III U-18 champion ... Solar's run included winning U-18 North Texas state cup, with victories over Tejanos (4-0) and D'feeters (2-1) before knocking off the Dallas Texans in 3-2 final (Solar scored with three minutes left) ... team headed to Oklahoma City for Region III Championship and opened with wins over Georgia Tophatters (1-0) and Tulsa Hurricanes (2-0) before 1-0 win over GSA Phoenix (Ga.) that featured her sweeping the ball off the goal line ... Solar went on to edge Vestavia (Ala.) Attack in scoreless quarterfinal that extended to PKs (two saved by Solar 'keeper) before rallying against south-Texas-based Lonestars (1-1; won in PKs) ... Solar then defeated South Texas Challenge (2-1) to earn spot at nationals (in Frisco, Texas) - where they dropped one-goal games to Bloomfield (Mich.) Force (1-2) and N.J.-based Arsenal World Class (3-4) before losing 4-0 game to southern California-based Slammers FC.

**PREP & PERSONAL:** Three-year letterwinner as right back at Plano East ... named second team all-district and academic all-state as a senior ... helped lead team to 2006 state final ... member of Health Occupant Students of America ... attended same high school as current Notre Dame sophomore swimmer MacKenzie LeBlanc ... four recent Notre Dame men's soccer players also are Plano natives: Academic All-America defender Chris Dean (Jesuit Prep; '95), midfielder Greg



Martin (Plano HS; '04), defender Dale Rellas ('07) and his brother Cory Rellas (junior midfielder; both Plano West HS) ... former Plano HS offensive tackle Justin Hall ('88-'92) was member of ND's 1988 national-title football team ... daughter of Mark and Iris Galovic ... full name is Ashley Nicole Galovic ... born Aug. 3, 1988, in Katy, Texas ... enrolled in College of Arts and Letters ... intends to major in psychology and gender studies.

played for Notre Dame women's soccer, as are three current teammates ... three of her Cyclones teammates play for teams on Notre Dame's 2007 schedule (Louisville's Katie Cunningham, Florida's Lauren Hyde and UConn's Annie Yi) ... posted 3.03 GPA in 2007 spring semester.

**AS A FRESHMAN:** Appeared in six games during 2006 NCAA runner-up season ... logged season-high 33 minutes in opening win over Iowa State (9-0) ... played 20 minutes in 5-0 win at DePaul and helped close out Rutgers in BIG EAST title match (4-2).

**CLUB SOCCER HIGHLIGHTS:** Defender for Carmel Cyclones that have won eight straight state cups (2000-07) and were ranked in national top five from 2003-06 ... helped Cyclones reach Region II semifinals three times ('06 runner-up) before winning 2007 Under-19 regional title, in Des Moines, Iowa ... the Cyclones opened 2007 regional play with a 3-3 tie versus the K.C. Metro Dynamos (featuring current ND freshman Lauren Fowlkes) before posting a 4-1 win over Cincinnati United and a big 7-0 shutout of Louisville SA, followed by a 2-1 semifinal victory over the Chicago-based Eclipse Select (featuring her ND classmates Amanda Clark and Michele Weissenhofer) ... she then scored in the 2007 regional title game versus FC Milwaukee (2-0) ... Cyclones went 1-1-1 at nationals in Frisco, Texas, with a 1-0 win over CASL Spartan



Elite (N.C.), a 1-0 loss to the Sereno Eagles (Ariz.) and a 3-3 tie with the PWSI Cardinals (Va.) ... the Cyclones earlier won their division at the 2006 regionals, after a 6-1 victory over the Dakota Gold Impact (S.D.), 4-0 shutout of Javanon (Ky.) and 2-0 win over CRSA team from Iowa, followed by a 4-0 semifinal victory over FC Milwaukee before losing the regional title game to the Eclipse Select (0-5) ... also helped Cyclones win the 2004 Disney Showcase.

**PREP & PERSONAL:** All-state and top scorer (22G-13A) as senior at Lake Central High School, leading team to 2006 state semifinals (lost to Zionsville) ... four-year letterwinner as a forward/midfielder ... district and conference MVP as a senior, also *Northwest Indiana Times* player of the year ... named all-city and team MVP final three seasons (twice all-conference) ... two-year captain ... helped win 2003 and 2006 regional titles (also '06 conference champions) ... her three goals scored in the 2006 sectionals included overtime score versus Crown Point in title game ... added goal against Penn to win semi-state (1-0) ... president of National Honor Society at LCHS ... current Notre Dame sophomore basketball forward Luke Harongody also is a native of Schererville (he attended Andean HS) ... daughter of Roger and Janet VanderGenugten ... full name is Rachel Marie VanderGenugten ... born Jan. 8, 1988, in Olympia Fields, Ill. ... enrolled in the College of Science ... intends to major in science business.

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## Rose Augustin #15

Freshman • Forward/Midfielder

Silver Lake, Ohio

Walsh Jesuit H.S • Ohio Internationals

Prep All-American

Technically-sound frontrunner who should add another dimension and scoring punch to the already potent Notre Dame attack ... her strong all-around ability on the ball includes poised play with and without pressure ... effective at striking the ball with either foot ... complements her on-field flair with a deep understanding of the game's tactics ... a quality goalscorer who has played at a high level with both the Ohio Internationals youth club team and its affiliated team in the W-League, the Cleveland Internationals (she rated as one of that team's top players, despite being one of its youngest) ... extremely coachable player who has the versatility to drop back into a high midfielder role ... looking to increase her workrate as she adjusts to the pace of the collegiate game ... her transition to college life should be boosted by her longtime friendship with current Irish players Amanda Cinalli and Courtney Rosen (both fellow Cleveland-area natives), in addition to having the unique benefit of attending classes and living on-campus at Notre Dame during the 2007 summer session (her courses included introduction to philosophy and principles of calculus) ... four other Notre Dame women's soccer players similarly have benefitted from attending early-entry summer session in the past three years, with those players including fellow freshman Taylor Knaack, current junior Brittany Bock (in 2005) and the sophomore duo of Amanda Clark and Michele Weissenhofer (in 2006) ... three of her for-

mer teammates play for teams on Notre Dame's 2007 schedule - Virginia's Jess Rostedt and Michigan's Jill Ferree (both with Cleveland Internationals), and Cincinnati's Kristen May (Walsh Jesuit High School) ... follows the only sister combination in Notre Dame women's soccer history - Medina natives Kelly (1998-2001) and Kate (2001-04) Tulisiak - as the third Walsh Jesuit product to play for the Irish ... joins Notre Dame women's soccer program that has included 11 previous Ohio natives, most notably midfielder Margaret Jarc (Bay Village/Magnificent HS; 1989-92), defenders Julie Vogel (Cincinnati/Anderson HS; 1992-95) and Kate Fischer (Cincinnati/Ursuline Academy; 1993-96) and Academic All-America forward Mary Boland (Hudson HS; 2001-04), plus the Tulisiaks, Cinalli (Maple Hts/Laurel HS) and Rosen (Brecksville/Hathaway Brown HS) ... inherits number-15 jersey worn the previous four seasons by forward Lizzie Reed ... other Irish players who have worn 15 include defenders Kate Fischer (1993-96) and Kerri Bakker (1997-2000).

**ODP/CLUB HIGHLIGHTS:** Played for Olympic Development (ODP) Ohio North state team from 2003-05 ... named to the 2005 ODP/Super Y National Camp Select Team ... also named as an alternate to the 1987 Under-16 National Tournament Team ... helped lead Ohio Internationals youth club team to three straight state titles (2003-05) ... also played alongside her future Notre Dame teammates Cinalli and Rosen, as a member of the W-League's Cleveland Internationals during the summers of 2005-07 ... despite playing in only five games, she ranked second on the 2006 Cleveland Internationals team in goals (7) and points (15; 21st among all W-League players), trailing only Rostedt (9G-2A/24 pts) ... her four goals were tied for second on the 2007 Cleveland Internationals (7 GP; team went 12-8-4) ... other noteworthy players on the Internationals included UCLA All-America forward Danesha Adams.

**PREP & PERSONAL:** Named a 2006 high school All-American by the National Soccer Coaches Association of America while being tabbed the 2006 Gatorade state player of the year for Ohio ... also named the 2006 Ohio player of the year by both the NSCAA and by the state coaches association (OHSSA "Miss Soccer"), after leading team to second state title in a span of three years (also 2004) ... served as senior co-captain for Walsh Jesuit High School's undefeated 2006 team that was ranked number one in the nation and was crowned national



champs by the NSCAA ... finished her career as third all-time leading scorer in Walsh Jesuit history (152 points; 52 goals, 48 assists) ... named first team all-state as a senior and third team as a junior ... member of regional championship teams in each of her final three seasons (WJHS was ranked in the national top-25 every year from 2004-06) ... named conference player of the year and member of *Cleveland Plain Dealer's* "Best of the Best" team in each of her final two seasons ... in addition to the Tulisiak sisters, other former Notre Dame student-athletes who were products of Walsh Jesuit include baseball player Matt Bok (the DH for the 2002 College World Series team) and the father-son football duo of Tom Lopienski Sr. and Jr. ... hails from the same home area as former Notre Dame football players Bob Meeker (offensive tackle; 1963-65) and defensive end Frank Stams (1984-88), both Akron natives ... her brother Matt Augustin is a current senior soccer player at the University of Akron ... born Aug. 10, 1988, in Akron, Ohio ... daughter of Thomas and Mary Augustin ... full name is Rosemarie LaGuardia Augustin ... enrolled in the First Year of Studies.

### Did You Know?

Notre Dame's eight-member freshman class includes players from eight different home states (Connecticut, Illinois, Indiana, Missouri, New York, Ohio, Texas and Wisconsin).



## Lauren Fowlkes #9

Freshman • Midfielder

Lee's Summit, Missouri

St. Teresa's H.S.  
Kansas City (KS) Dynamos

U.S. Under-17 National Team

Prep All-American

2001 National Club Champion

Multi-faceted midfielder who combines size (5-10) with tremendous playmaking and strong leadership skills ... could fill big role on 2007 team, as her varied talents encompass some of the unique traits possessed by both departed midfielders (Jen Buczkowski and Jill Krivacek) ... boasts excellent field vision and the special ability to make others around her better ... a creative and composed player with great touch on the ball ... highly technical player with a deep knowledge of the game's nuances ... imposing presence who is strong in the air ... has rare combination of being able to take over a game individually while maintaining her leadership role as an ultimate team player ... has experienced high levels of success with ODP and club teams (her K.C. Dynamos squad won the 2001 national title) while also training on the national-team level with the under-17 program ... showed the ability to play multiple positions earlier in her career and may be shifted around with the 2007 Irish, pending the health status and positional roles for several teammates ... six of her former teammates play for BIG EAST teams: UConn's Annie Yi and Louisville's Kate Cunningham (both with ODP Region II), Gina DeMaio of Rutgers (Adidas all-star team) and Marquette players Katie Kelly (K.C. Dynamos), Mackenzie Ayer (KCFC Alliance Pumas) and Caitlin Harris (Pumas and Region II) ... could face several other former teammates in 2007, including seven who also were members of U.S. Under-17 National Team: UNC's Tobin Heath, Ali Hawkins,

Rachel Givan and Nikki Washington, Penn State's Melissa Hayes, Santa Clara's Jane Alukonis, and Stanford teammates Kelley O'Hara and Kristin Shannard (also played with SCU's Lindsay Johnson on Adidas all-star team) ... joins Notre Dame women's soccer program that has included three previous players from Missouri (all St. Louis natives and Visitation HS products): defender Heather Murphy ('89), forward Mimi Suba ('88-'90; captain in '90) and forward Michelle McCarthy ('92-'95; second-leading scorer for '95 NCAA champs) ... will wear Buczkowski's old number-nine jersey ... others who have worn number nine include midfielder Tiffany Thompson ('91-'94) and forward Monica Gerardo ('95-'98), who led the 1995 NCAA champs in scoring.

**NATIONAL TEAM NOTES:** Tabbed for 2005 NSCAA youth All-America honors while serving as top center back and team captain for 2005 Adidas Under-17 all-star team that toured Scotland, Germany and Holland ... helped that team post 1-0 win over Scotland's Under-18 National Team and tie the full Dutch National Team (1-1) ... member of the U.S. Under-17 National Team in 2004 ... attended 2002 Nike National Camp, in Deerfield, Mass.

**ODP/CLUB HIGHLIGHTS:** Member of ODP Region II team from 2002-06 (1988 birthday group) ... played center back with '87s Region II team at Houston Showcase, in 1-1 tie with Canada's U-18 team ... attended 2004 ODP National Camp (Seattle) and competed in Germany, Holland and Austria with Region II (2004) ... three-year participant ('02-'04) at Boca Raton Interregional, helping Region II win the tournament in 2003 ('04 captain) ... attended 2003 ESP National Camp with Region II, scoring team's only goal in the camp, versus Region I (1-0) ... five-year member of Missouri state ODP team (2001-05) ... has played several years with the Kansas-based KC Metro Dynamos '89s club (she was slowed in 2006 by a knee injury) ... won under-14 national title in 2001, with KC Dynamos '87s while playing up two age groups ... scored game-winning goal in 2001 national-title game (1-0 vs. Chantilly Inter Milan, from Virginia), as Dynamos became first soccer club from Kansas to win a national championship ... helped Dynamos win two Region II titles (2001, over team from Chicago, and '06) while reaching the regional final three other times (2000, '02 and '03) and



claiming seven state titles (1999-2003, '06 and '07) ... the Dynamos opened the 2007 Region II Tournament in Des Moines, Iowa, with a 3-3 tie versus a Carmel Cyclones team that included current Notre Dame sophomore defender Rachel VanderGenutgen (the Dynamos then posted a 4-0 win over Louisville SA but dropped an 8-2 game to Cincinnati United) ... her two-state club resume has included playing with the KCFC Alliance Pumas '88s (2004 Kansas state champs) and the JB Marine Soccer Club '88s (2005 Missouri state champs).

**PREP & PERSONAL:** Received 2007 *Parade* high school All-America honors following senior season at St. Teresa's Academy ... named 2007 Gatorade state player of the year for Missouri ... led St. Teresa's to conference and state titles in her sophomore and junior seasons ('05, '06) ... served as 2007 team captain ... member of 2006 squad that knocked off nation's top-ranked team (St. Joseph's) in state semifinals (3-0) before beating Fort Zumwalt in 4-0 final ... helped beat Incarnate Word Academy (2-1) in 2005 state-title game to cap undefeated season for nationally-ranked team ... scored game-winning goal in overtime of 2005 state quarterfinals ... named first team all-district and second team all-state in each of her first three seasons (then first team all-state in 2007) ... an all-conference performer all four seasons, (all-city as a sophomore) ... named to the 2007 Brine Classic all-tournament team and an all-tournament pick at 2007 Missouri-Kansas Challenge ... played varsity basketball as a sophomore ... an honors student (4.6 GPA) and member of the National Honor Society and student government ... received 2006 Presidential Service Award ... born July 6, 1988, in Kansas City, Mo. ... daughter of Brian and Jeanne Fowlkes ... full name is Lauren Ann Fowlkes ... enrolled in the First Year of Studies.

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## Brittany Johnson #27

Freshman • Midfielder

Pleasant Prairie, Wisconsin

Christian Life H.S. • Eclipse Select (IL)

2006 National Club Champion

Intriguing midfield addition who has several similarities to 2007 graduate and defensive midfield standout Jill Krivacek, due to her size (5-10), technical ability, quickness in tight spaces and ability to maintain possession under pressure ... prototypical playmaker for Notre Dame's system, with great ability to find players with her passing ... tremendous competitor with strong leadership,



## Erica Iantorno #21

Freshman • Midfielder

Hinsdale, Illinois

Hinsdale H.S. • Eclipse Select

2006 National Club Champion

Solid walk-on addition who was strong player at multiple positions in her club career ... played as a forward and outside back with Eclipse Select but could play midfield at Notre Dame ... a consistent



after captaining Eclipse Select to 2006 national title ... made regular commutes from Wisconsin to Chicago in order to train with Eclipse ... part of Notre Dame's Chicago-area pipeline that has included nine different players from Eclipse Select (all since 2003), among them Brittany Bock, Elise Weber (her former St. Viator HS teammate), Amanda Clark, Michele Weissenhofer and Erica Iantorno (her club teammate), plus '07 grads Krivacek, Jen Buczkowski and Kim Lorenzen) ... five of her Eclipse teammates play in the BIG EAST: Louisville's Caitlin Rehder, DePaul's Janina Locascio and Tara Strickland, and Marquette's Kelsey Lynch and Lauren Thut.

**CLUB HIGHLIGHTS:** Five-year member of Eclipse Select (2003-07) ... captained team to 2006 USYS under-17 national title, with 4-1 overtime win over Spirit United Gaels (Pa.) in title game (in Des Moines, Iowa) ... team opened nationals with 0-0 tie versus Spirit United and 2-1 win over Dallas Texans (featuring ND freshman Taylor Knack)

and competitive performer who plays very simple and within herself ... joins Notre Dame program that includes five other Eclipse Select products, among them fellow freshman midfielder Brittany Johnson ... five of her Eclipse teammates play in the BIG EAST: Louisville's Caitlin Rehder, DePaul's Janina Locascio and Tara Strickland (also ODP), and Marquette's Kelsey Lynch and Lauren Thut ... also could face former NSA teammates Lizzy Eng (UConn), Molly Williams (Villanova), Niki Moran (Michigan) and Stephanie Zare (Georgetown) ... played state ODP with UNC's Katie Klimzack, Penn State's Danielle Toni and Cincinnati's Kendall Loggins (regional ODP with UNC's Casey Nogueira) ... inherited number-21 jersey worn by midfielder Claire Gallerano ('07).

**ODP/CLUB:** Member of ODP Region II team in 2003 and '05, state ODP from 2002-06 ... played for NSA Premier in 2003-04 (U-14/15) before joining Eclipse from '05-'07 ... joined Johnson in helping Eclipse win 2006 USYS U-17 national title ... opened scoring in 2-1 win at nationals over Dallas Texans ... won three state titles with Eclipse (2005 regional runner-up) ... helped win Puma Cup in '05 and '06, also '07 USASA Donnelly Cup champs (see Johnson bio for additional notes) ... reached 2003 and '04 state cup finals with NSA (2004 Presidents Cup champs; Disney Showcase runner-up).

**PREP & PERSONAL:** Played one season at Hinsdale Central, after ACL knee injury in first game of her freshman year (focused on club as junior and senior) ... led team in scoring as a sophomore (14G-12A), earning all-conference, all-area

before beating northern California-based SF Mustang ('04 national champs) in 3-1 semifinal ... Eclipse earned spot in four-team nationals after beating Bloomfield (Mich.) Force in Region II final (4-1), with 2-1 semifinal win over Ohio Premier and group-play wins over St. Louis S.C. (2-1), Michigan Hawks (3-2) and Kentucky-based Javanon (6-0) ... the 2006 state title included 4-0 final versus Windy City Pride ... member of five state-title teams, with 2007 final including wins over Chicago Fire Jr.'s (4-1), WC Pride (3-2) and ASC Eagles (3-1 final, in OT) ... the Eclipse returned to Des Moines for 2007 Region II Championship, with 0-0 tie versus Carmel Crossfire (featuring ND freshman Julie Scheidler) and wins over Michigan Hawks (1-0) and West Des Moines Royal Fuerza (2-0) before losing 1-0 semifinal to St. Louis S.C. ... earlier went to USYS nationals with Eclipse in 2003 and reached regional title game in 2005 ... helped win 2003 Disney Showcase ... spent previous seasons with F.C. Milwaukee team that won two state titles (2001-02) and reached '02 regional final.

**PREP & PERSONAL:** Played one season of high school soccer, leading St. Viator (Arlington Hts.) to 2005 Illinois state title as a sophomore ... completed studies in current home state of Wisconsin, at Christian Life High School ... scored game-winning goal in 2005 state-title game, as part of her 78-point season (24 goals, 30 assists) ... named all-section, all-area, all-conference and SVHS rookie of the year ... tabbed by *School Sports Magazine* as one of top-10 recruits in Chicago area ... starting point guard as a freshman for Tremper High School (Wis.) varsity basketball team that won regional title ... member of the National Honor Society, National French Honor Society and student government ... born Oct. 10, 1988, in Kenosha, Wis. ... daughter of Bruce and Vanessa Johnson ... full name is Brittany Angela Johnson ... enrolled in the First Year of Studies ... intends to major in science business.



and all-sectional honors for conference/regional champs ... scored tying goal with 13 seconds left in regulation of regional final (HCHS won in PKs) ... ran sprints as a senior while helping track team win conference title ... her father Anthony Iantorno was a varsity golfer at Illinois ... born May 8, 1989, in Hinsdale, Ill. ... daughter of Anthony and Karen Iantorno ... full name is Erica Marie Iantorno ... enrolled in the First Year of Studies ... intends to major in business.



## Taylor Knaack #4

Freshman • Forward

Arlington, Texas

Martin H.S. • Dallas Texans

Promising forward talent who would have been firmly in the mix as a top offensive contributor, if not for anterior-cruciate (ACL) knee injury suffered in her final regular-season game with Dallas Texans (May 2007) ... has made strong progress in her rehabilitation but is unlikely to return to competitive action until 2008 spring season ... athletic and quick forward, with great mobility and tireless workrate ... battle-tested competitor who knows how to handle pressure and win big games, as product of elite Texans club ... her on-field personality and playing flair should add to Notre Dame's long tradition of producing exciting players in the attacking third ... a creative player, constantly in motion and effective at getting in behind

the defense ... very dangerous when running at opponent but looking to improve on playing with her back to the goal ... also will be focused on boosting her goalscoring efficiency ... expected to be tremendous addition, as she will provide yet another dimension to already potent attack ... has versatility to play multiple positions if needed ... her transition to college life should be aided by unique opportunity to attend classes and live on-campus at Notre Dame during 2007 summer session (her courses included international relations and principles of calculus) ... four other current Notre Dame players similarly have benefitted from attending early-entry summer session in past three years: fellow freshman Rose Augustin, junior Brittany Bock (in '05), and sophomores Amanda Clark and Michele Weissenhofer (in '06) ... will have brief reunion with two Dallas Texans teammates - Leslie Briggs and Nikki Washington - when Notre Dame faces North Carolina in 2007 preseason ... one of six Texas natives on current team, along with senior goalkeeper Lauren Karas (Flower Mound HS), senior defender Jennie Bireley (Plano/Ursuline Acad.), junior forward Kerri Hanks (Allen HS), junior midfielder Becca Mendoza (North Garland HS) and sophomore defender Ashley Galovic (Plano East HS) ... joins Notre Dame program that has featured 19 previous Texas natives, including 1990 captain Bernie Holland (Dallas/Ursuline), early-1990s forward Stephanie Porter (Spring/Klein HS), defender Tiffany Thompson (Houston/Cypress Creek), All-America/Academic All-America defender Monica Gonzalez (Richardson/Plano East), big-game 'keeper Liz Wagner (Spring/Klein) and clutch goalscorer Amanda Guertin (Grapevine



HS) ... inherits number-four jersey worn by standout defender Kim Lorenzen (2006 captain), with others who have worn four including the likes of defender Molly Lennon ('92), forward Stacia Masters ('97) and midfielder Mia Sarkesian ('02).

### ODP/CLUB HIGHLIGHTS:

Member of ODP Region III team in 2003, playing for ODP North Texas state team from 2002-04 ... invited to 2003 National Team Camp (Austin) ... key member of Dallas Texans from 2001-2007, helping team advance to USYS national semifinals in 2004 and '06 ... led Texans to 2004-06 North Texas titles and spot in Region III tournament ... helped Texans win 2004 Region III title in Austin before advancing to

Orlando for nationals ('06 held in Des Moines, Iowa) ... scored winning goal in final game of 2005 Disney Showcase (the Texans also won that event in '06) ... received Texans outstanding attacker award ... played for Tejanos club from 1999-2001.

**PREP & PERSONAL:** All-conference all four seasons at Martin High School, helping win four conference titles and compile 2005 undefeated season (as a sophomore) ... first team all-region as a sophomore and junior ... led team in scoring her first three seasons (first team all-district each year) ... named Martin's attacker of the year in 2004, as only freshman on varsity ... set team record for assists in a season (26, in '04) ... named one of three "players to watch" by *Fort Worth Star-Telegram* ... named to 2004 Plano Invitational all-tournament team ... recent Notre Dame baseball pitcher Tyler Jones ('05 graduate) also attended Martin ... born Sept. 30, 1988, in Fort Worth, Texas ... daughter of Ted and Wendy Knaack ... full name is Taylor Ann Knaack ... enrolled in the First Year of Studies ... intends to major in psychology.

**SPANNING THE GLOBE** - The first nine seasons of the Randy Waldrum era at Notre Dame (1999-2007) have featured players from 26 states, two Canadian provinces, Iceland and Finland:

**Texas** (12) - Monica Gonzalez (Richardson), Liz Wagner (Spring), Amanda Guertin (Grapevine), Kari Kennedy (Plano), Claire Gallerano (Dallas), Lauren Karas (Flower Mound), Kerri Hanks (Allen), Rebecca Mendoza (Garland), Haley Ford (Midland), Ashley Galovic (Plano), Taylor Knaack (Arlington), Jennie Bireley (Dallas)

**Illinois** (11) - Jen Grubb (Hoffman Estates), Lizzy Coghill (Orland Park), Jenny Walz (Bloomington), Jen Buczkowski (Elk Grove), Jill Krivacek (Geneva), Kim Lorenzen (Naperville), Brittany Bock (Naperville), Amanda Clark (Naperville), Michele Weissenhofer (Naperville), Elise Weber (Elk Grove), Erica Iantorno (Hinsdale)

**California** (10) - LaKeysia Beene (Gold River), Sani Post (Davis), Lauren Kent (Laguna Niguel), Michelle Daley (Redondo Beach), Cat Sigler (Windsor), Miranda Ford (Portola Valley), Sarah Halpenny (Glendale), Ashley Jones (Westlake Village), Carrie Dew (Encintas), Kelsey Lysander (San Diego)

**Indiana** (7) - Lindsey Jones (South Bend), Kate Morrel (Carmel), Amber McMillin (West Harrison), Susan Pinnick (South Bend), Kerry Inglis (Fort Wayne), Rachel VanderGenugten (Schererville), Julie Scheidler (Indianapolis)

**Ohio** (7) - Kelly Tulisak (Medina), Mary Boland (Hudson), Kate Tulisak (Medina), Nikki Westfall (Waterville), Amanda Cinalli (Maple Heights), Courtney Rosen (Brecksville), Rose Augustin (Silver Lake)

**Connecticut** (5) - Kara Brown (Avon), Vanessa Pruzinsky (Trumbull), Erin Sheehan (Wilton), Erika Bohn (Brookfield), Nikki Weiss (Redding)

**New York** (4) - Maryn Necel (Orchard Park), Megan Rogers (Syracuse), Kim Carpenter (Webster), Stephanie Sohn (Ronkonkoma)

**Washington** (4) - Meotis Erikson (Kennewick), Caroline Marino (Snohomish), Nancy Mikacenic (Seattle), Annie Scheffer (Yakima)

**Florida** (3) - Erin Hayden (Jacksonville), Reagan Jones (Tampa), Becky Tweneboah (No. Lauderdale)

**New Jersey** (3) - Kerri Bakker (Washington), Lizzie Reed (Franklin Lakes), Micaela Alvarez (Cranbury)

**Pennsylvania** (3) - Randi Scheller (Kutztown), Christie Shaner (Ambler), Amber Lattner (Montrose)

**Finland** (2) - Anne Makinen (Helsinki), Jannica Tjeder (Espoo)

**Missouri** (2) - Kelly Simon (Columbia), Lauren Fowlkes (Kansas City)

**Ontario** (2) - Melissa Tancredi (Ancaster), Candace Chapman (Ajax)

**Wisconsin** (2) - Jenny Heft (Germantown), Brittany Johnson (Pleasant Prairie/Chicago, IL)

**Arizona** (1) - Molly Iarocci (Carefree)

**British Columbia** (1) - Katie Thorlakson (Langley)

**Colorado** (1) - Mara Paz de Araujo (Colo. Springs)

**Georgia** (1) - Ali Lovelace (Dallas)

**Hawaii** (1) - Iris Lancaster (Waiahae)

**Iceland** (1) - Gudrun Gunnarsdottir (Seltjarnarnes)

**Idaho** (1) - Jennifer Carter (Boise)

**Louisiana** (1) - Jenny Streiffer (Baton Rouge)

**Massachusetts** (1) - Molly Tate (Weymouth)

**Maryland** (1) - Beth Koloup (Phoenix)

**Michigan** (1) - Mia Sarkesian (Canton)

**Nebraska** (1) - Kelly Lindsey (Omaha)

**New Mexico** (1) - Amy Warner (Albuquerque)

**Oregon** (1) - Maggie Manning (Lake Oswego)

**Utah** (1) - Ashley Dryer (Salt Lake City)



## Julie Scheidler #25

Freshman • Defender/Midfielder

Indianapolis, Indiana

Bishop Chatard H.S. • Carmel Crossfire

Prep All-American

One of four high school All-Americans in freshman class and one of the top candidates at one of the outside back positions ... has shown athleticism, defensive skills and willingness to attack that could help her excel in Notre Dame's system ... in-state product whose widespread connections to Notre Dame span three generations and include 12 direct relatives who are Notre Dame graduates (full list later in bio.), plus eight – including her mother – who are graduates of nearby Saint Mary's College ... known for playing with tremendous heart and competitiveness ... product of elite Carmel Crossfire club, part of Carmel soccer club program that also produced senior forward Susan Pinnick (Carmel United Heat) and sophomore defender Rachel VanderGenutgen (Carmel Cyclones) ... a very technical player and true student of the game who plays within her abilities ... strong on the ball and effective with service from the flanks ... has steady desire to continue learning the game ... should show progress as she adjusts to higher level of opposition in the college game ... one of 22 Indiana natives who have played for Notre Dame, as are Pinnick (South Bend/St. Joseph's HS), junior D/M Kerri Inglis (Ft. Wayne/Snyder HS) and VanderGenutgen (Schererville/Lake Central HS), plus former defender Lindsey Jones (South Bend/Adams HS) and Academic All-America forward Amy VanLaecke (Granger/Adams).

**ODP/CLUB HIGHLIGHTS:** Three-year member of Olympic Development Program Region II team (2005-07) ... began playing with Indiana ODP state team in 2003 ... played with Region II team at 2007 inter-regional (Ventura, Calif.) ... toured Costa Rica with Region II (spring 2006) and played in 2005 inter-regional (Boca Raton, Fla.) ... five-year captain of Carmel United

Crossfire club (2003-07) ... founding member of Crossfire (in '96) who helped team win five state titles in six years (2002-03, '05-'07) ... the Crossfire narrowly missed the 2007 Region II semifinals, after going 1-0-2 in group play with scoreless tie versus Chicago-based Eclipse Select (featuring her future ND classmates Brittany Johnson and Erica Iantorno), a 2-0 win over homestanding West Des Moines Royal Fuerza and 2-2 tie with Michigan Hawks ... helped Crossfire outscore the opposition 27-0 en route to winning 2007 state title, with wins over FC Pride (10-0), St. Francis Elite (6-0), their sister club Carmel Clash (5-0 semifinal), and Dynamo F.C. in a 4-0 title game ... member of Crossfire team that was the 2002 Region II runner-up (also regional semifinalists in '04 and '05) ... helped the Crossfire win four straight league titles from 2004-07.

**PREP & PERSONAL:** Named 2006 NSCAA high school All-American while earning NSCAA player-of-the-year award for state of Indiana and collecting Scholar All-America honors from NSCAA ... set Bishop Chatard High School record for career points (183; 73 goals, 37 assists) ... also set team single-season records for goals and assists ... received "Spirit of Sport" female athlete-of-the-year award from St. Vincent Sports Medicine ... tabbed by *Indianapolis Star* as city's 2006 player of the year ... helped lead Chatard to top-20 state rankings all four seasons, with only one class/division in the state (Chatard never had been previously ranked) ... team captain her final two seasons ... four-time all-city selection who was named all-state, first team all-district and all-conference each of her final three years ... other 2006 honors included first team all-state, city player of the year, team MVP (repeat selection) and "heart of the team" award ... selected for north-south all-star game ... first team all-state as a junior and second team as a sophomore ... a first team academic all-state pick

in her final two seasons ... lettered as a guard with varsity basketball team as a freshman and junior, helping team go undefeated each season ... led basketball team to sectional title and best overall record in program's history ... member of National Honor Society and student council ... served as peer mentor and retreat leader ... graduated with 4.42 cumulative grade-point average ... former Notre Dame baseball pitcher Mike Harmon and 2007 baseball captain Mike Dury (lefthanded pitcher/first baseman) also attended Chatard, with Harmon going on to serve as the current coach at his high school alma mater ... her uncles Tom Miller (ND baseball, '75) and John Scheidler (Ball State football, '76) both were college athletes, as were her aunt Maureen O'Brien Kottler ('81) and cousin Kathleen Rose Miller ('04), both with the Saint Mary's basketball team, while her cousin Jimmy Scheidler is a junior tight end on the Bowling Green football team ... extensive ties to her new school include a grandfather, seven uncles, two aunts, a cousin and a brother who all are Notre Dame grads (chronologically): grandfather J. Thomas O'Brien ('53), uncles Mark Scheidler ('71), Tom Miller ('75), Thomas O'Brien ('77) and Jeff Kottler ('79), aunt Rosaleen O'Brien Rogers ('87), uncles Christopher Paulison ('89), Joseph Vierhile ('90) and Timothy Kelly O'Brien ('95), aunt Maryann Wisler O'Brien ('95), cousin Mary Clare O'Brien ('03) and brother Matthew Scheidler ('05) – plus cousin Michael Scheidler, who will join her in the Notre Dame class of 2011 ... her mother Colleen O'Brien Scheidler ('79) is a graduate of nearby Saint Mary's College, as are six of her mother's seven sisters (her cousin Kathleen Rose Miller graduated from SMC in 2004 while another cousin, Katie Kottler, currently is a junior at SMC) ... born Oct. 10, 1988, in Naperville, Ill. ... daughter of Bill and Colleen Scheidler ... full name is Julie Ann Scheidler ... enrolled in First Year of Studies ... intends to major in science education.





## Stephanie Sohn #18

Freshman • Defender

Ronkonkoma, New York

Sachem East H.S. • Albertson Fury

2005 ODP National Champion

Newcomer to defense who could be used as center back but also has skills to play on outside ... solid all-around defender who excels at reading the game and is rarely caught out of position ... her strong discipline to maintain defensive shape should be good complement to Notre Dame's defensive philosophy ... cerebral player who could fill role similar to 2006 captain Kim Lorenzen, as a player who is willing to do the dirty work while others get the bulk of the attention ... has shown ability to play very simple and within not only herself, but within her team's system ... smart player with good decision-making ... extremely coachable, with outgoing personality ... her tremendous upside could flourish in Notre Dame's training environment ... former member of U.S. Under-17 National Team player pool and member of 2005 Olympic Development Program (ODP) national champions ... inherits number-18 jersey worn past four seasons by all-BIG EAST defender Christie Shaner ... others who have worn 18 include scoring leader Stephanie Porter ('94) ... joins Notre Dame program that has included nine previous players from New York, most notably midfielder and two-time team captain K.T. Sullivan (Northport HS; '90) and recent midfielder Kim Carpenter (Webster/Lady of Mercy HS; '04).

**ODP/CLUB HIGHLIGHTS:** Member of U.S. Under-17 National Team player pool in 2006 ... also in ODP Region I player pool from 2002-05 and participated in ODP national camp (July 2004, in Seattle) ... led Eastern New York team to ODP Region I title in 2003-04 and 2004-05 before winning 2005 ODP national title - with 1-0 victory over Washington state ODP in final game (March '05; in Plano, Texas) ... four-year captain and starter at center back for that team (2001-05) ... played several seasons with Albertson Fury '88s club that reached 2007 USYS Region I semifinals before losing 2-0 to PDA Wildcats (N.J.) ... the Fury rolled through Region I group games, with 3-1 wins over Bethesda (Md.) Excel and Rhode Island Rays before 3-0 shutout of New Hampshire-based Classics ... previously played three seasons as leading member of Long Island-based ISA (Intense Soccer Academy) Magic club team that won two state cups ('04, '05) and annually was ranked

among national top-10 ... helped ISA reach 2005 USYS regional-title game, losing heartbreaker to rival PDA (in Virginia City) ... anchored defense that posted nine straight shutouts in state cup and regional play, prior to loss to PDA (lone goal came on a controversial PK) ... helped ISA Magic win three major tournaments: WAGS in 2003, PDA in 2004 and Disney Showcase in 2004-2005 ... led defense that shut out nation's third-ranked team, Eclipse Select (featuring future ND classmates Brittany Johnson and Erica Iantorno) in Disney final ... earlier played for Sachem Apaches club team that won 1999 Eastern New York state title.

**PREP & PERSONAL:** Played one season at Sachem High School and a final season at Sachem High School East, following two-year transition in which the school was split into two units ... senior leader of 2006 team that went 19-1, won county and Long Island titles, and advanced to state semifinals ... central defender on that 2006 team that allowed just five goals in 20-game season (was on field for only one of those goals allowed), earning all-league, all-conference, all-county and all-county academic honors (also named to *Newsday* all-Long Island team) ... helped Sachem HS win share of 2003 county title, while starting at sweeper in that freshman season ... talented three-sport athlete who had to give up volleyball and lacrosse when she entered high school ... team MVP in all three of her sports as an 8th-grader (2002-03), when she led those teams to 34-2 combined record ... served as setter for 2002 volleyball team that went 12-0 ... member of National Honor Society and National Art Honor Society ... named to Scholar-Athlete Team ... received numerous other aca-



demical and art awards at Sachem ... born March 30, 1989, in Smithtown, N.Y. ... daughter of Thomas and Kathleen Sohn ... full name is Stephanie M. Sohn ... enrolled in the First Year of Studies ... intends to major in graphic design.

### Notre Dame Women's Soccer - Home of Champions

Notre Dame's 2004 NCAA championship is one of many national (and international) titles won by Irish players in recent years. In fact, 14 of the 27 players on the 2007 roster recently have played for club or ODP national champions (or winners of an international tournament). Here's a list of some noteworthy recent championships involving Notre Dame players:

- USYS Under-19 Nationals ('07) - Carmel Cyclones (Rachel VanderGenutgen)
- Nordic Cup ('07) - U.S. Under-21 National Team (Amanda Cinalli, Michele Weissenhofer)
- USYS Under-18 Nationals ('06) - Dallas Texans (Haley Ford)
- USYS Under-17 Nationals ('06) - Eclipse Select (Erica Iantorno, Brittany Johnson)
- USYS Under-17 Nationals ('05) - Eclipse Select (Amanda Clark, Weissenhofer)
- ODP Nationals ('05) - Eastern New York (Stephanie Sohn)
- Nordic Cup ('05) - U.S. Under-21 National Team (Jen Buczkowski, Erika Bohn)
- Open Cup ('05) - F.C. Indiana (Christie Shaner, Nikki Westfall, Brittany Bock, Kerry Inglis)
- Women's Professional Soccer League ('05) - F.C. Indiana (Shaner, Westfall, Bock, Inglis)
- NCAA ('04) - Notre Dame
- W-League ('04) - Vancouver Whitecaps (Katie Thorlakson)
- USYS Under-18 Nationals ('04) - So-Cal United (Ashley Jones)
- ODP Nationals ('04) - California-South (Jones, Carrie Dew)
- USYS Under-16 Nationals ('04) - Eclipse Select (Clark, Weissenhofer)
- USYS Under-18 Nationals ('03) - Dallas Texans (Claire Gallerano, Kerri Hanks)
- USYS Under-16 Nationals ('03) - San Diego Surf (Dew)
- ODP Nationals ('03) - Illinois (Bock, Buczkowski, Kim Lorenzen, Jill Krivacek)
- U-19 World Championship ('02) - United States (Hanks; Annie Scheffer dnp due to injury)
- USYS Under-14 Nationals ('01) - Kansas City Dynamos (Lauren Fowlkes)

*Others have come just shy, with national/international runner-up finishes:*

- USYS Under-19 Nationals ('06) - Elise Weber (Eclipse Select)
- Nordic Cup ('06) - U.S. Under-21 National Team (Cinalli)
- USYS Under-19 Nationals ('05) - Dallas Texans (Hanks)
- ODP Nationals ('05) - Illinois (Bock)
- USYS Under-18 Nationals ('04) - Windy City Pride (Bock)
- ODP Nationals ('04) - Texas-North (Lauren Karas)
- USYS Under-17 Nationals ('03) - Carmel Commotion (Susan Pinnick)
- ODP Nationals ('03) - New Jersey (Lizzie Reed)
- USYS Under-17 Nationals ('03) - So-Cal United (Jones)
- USYS Under-16 Nationals ('02) - So-Cal United (Jones)
- USYS Under-15 Nationals ('02) - Windy City Pride (Bock)
- U-19 World Championship ('02) - Canada (Candace Chapman, Katie Thorlakson)

*Note:* Hanks received the "Golden Boot" Award at '03 and '05 USYS nationals, as did Bock at '03 ODP nationals ... Karas was the '04 ODP "Golden Glove" winner ... those who have come just shy of reaching national-title games (3rd): Shaner (F.C. Bucks Challenge; '03, u-18), Becca Mendoza (Dallas Sting; '05, u-18), '04 Eclipse with Buczkowski, Krivacek and Lorenzen (u-19), '06 Eclipse with Clark and Weissenhofer (u-18).



**Nikki Weiss #1**

**Freshman • Goalkeeper**

**Redding, Connecticut**

**Immaculate H.S. • CUFC Wolves**

**U.S. Under-15 National Team**

**Prep All-American**

Tremendous goalkeeper prospect who has the all-around abilities to be an immediate contributor on the college level ... combines great size (5-11), physique and athleticism with very sound technical abilities ... a driven competitor who won four state titles in high school and three state titles with her club team, the CUFC Wolves ... an imposing presence who can dominate the 18-yard box ... reads the game well and expected to make quick adjustment to college soccer, with her key areas of focus being on controlling crosses and handling the speed of the collegiate game ... has previous experience with the U.S. Under-15 National team and with the ODP Region I squad that recently toured the soccer-crazed nation of Brazil ... boasts tremendous overall potential to develop into one of nation's top goalkeepers during her career ... four of her CUFC Wolves club teammates also play for teams in the BIG EAST Conference: Connecticut's Erin Clarke and Becky Gundling, Providence's Marra Whaley and Villanova's Rachel Schuyler (she also has been an ODP teammate of Gundling, Whaley and Schuyler) ... joins Notre Dame program that includes five previous Connecticut natives, most notably midfielder/defender Kara Brown (Avon/Westminster Prep; 1996-99) and the Academic All-America duo of defender Vanessa Pruzinsky (Trumbull HS; 1999-2003) and goalkeeper Erika Bohn (Brookfield HS; 2002-05) ... sixth Notre Dame



goalkeeper to wear number one, following in the footsteps of Michelle Lodyga, Emily Loman, All-American LaKeysia Beene, Sani Post and Bohn.

**NATIONAL TEAM/ODP/CLUB:** Former member of the United States Under-15 National Team ... also a member of the U.S. U-16 player pool in 2004 and '05 ... played with Adidas U-17 All-Star team that toured Europe ... played for Olympic Development Program (ODP) Region I team from 2001-06 and was a member of her state ODP team from 2000-06 ... toured Brazil in 2007 with ODP Region I team, s member of the first women's team ever to play in Maracana Stadium ... member of Region I team that competed in the U-19 Adidas Cup ('87s) ... helped lead CUFC Wolves club team to three straight state titles (2005-07) while reaching the USYS Region I semifinal round in 2006 and '07.

**PREP & PERSONAL:** Named a 2006 NSCAA high school All-American (also an NSCAA all-region pick in 2005 and '06) ... helped lead Immaculate High School to four state soccer titles, earning MVP honors for the 2006 state tournament ... did not allow a goal during 2005 and '06 state tournament play ... named all-state and first team all-conference in each of her four seasons (with conference titles in '04 and '05) ... captained IHS team her final two seasons ... named MVP of the conference tournament as a sophomore and junior ... played in 2006

Senior Bowl all-star game ... received 2007 SouthWest Conference leadership award ... had her number-23 jersey retired by Immaculate ... also played varsity basketball during her first three years, helping team reach state semifinals in her sophomore season and earning second team all-state honors as a junior (when she also served as team captain) ... member of the National Honor Society and a HOBY Leadership Representative ... her brother Ben Weiss plays soccer at Lynchburg College while two of her uncles – Dan Weiss (Southern Illinois basketball) and Mike Weiss (Ohio University basketball) – also were college athletes ... born Feb. 6, 1989, in Plano, Texas ... daughter of Stephen and Kathryn Weiss ... full name is Jacqueline Nicole Weiss ... enrolled in the First Year of Studies ... intends to major in accounting.

### *Did You Know?*

Notre Dame's freshman class includes four players who were prep All-Americans, two former youth national team members and four who won national titles with club or ODP teams.